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To Whom It may Concern:

I've lived in my home for over twenty-seven years. To be sure the cost of living in most services has increased. However, it is obvious to me as I compare my electric bills for months and years passed, I will not be able to afford my electric service much longer.

My usage has steadily decreased as I find ways to keep my bill lower, but as hard as I try the bills keep getting larger. There is nothing apart from using no heat and air conditioning can I keep my bill minimal, and even then there is no guarantee the bill wont still be exorbitant. I've always managed to pay the necessary bills on time (utilities) but I fear I may become another person seeking assistance in paying my utilities. This is something I find too hard to bear. There is something very wrong when life and death services are priced out of our reach. You find it hard to say no to the electric company and when someone dies because they let the service go in order to eat or buy medicine we all act surprised and concerned that something so essential to life was out of that person's reach. For once, give a break to the electric company's customers and stop falling all over yourself by giving the electric company all that they request. Even in the best of times, you allowed their increases, --many of us are in the worst of times financially-- don't let this be a rate increase that finally knocks us into unconsciousness.

I thank you for your time and your thoughtful consideration in this matter. It will be very much appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

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